

AMERICA OFF IN LEAD IN OLYMPIC CONTESTS

was born, and the present John Paul signalized the anniversary by making the other runners strike their colors as easily as the swimmers disposed of the flower of the track team. He was the comparatively best heat, the only noteworthy feature of which was that it put Portugal on the athletic map, as A. Z. Cortesac finished second in the slow time of 2 minutes 56 seconds.

Clarence S. Edmundson of the Seattle A. C. had by no means an easy journey, for among others he was pitted against L. J. H. Dunn, Canada, and Edmundson from the Dominion hustled the Westerner along, so that he had to run in 1 minute 56 5-10 seconds, in order to be sure of victory. Ira N. Davenport, the third, was also well run, but the fifth—handily in 1 minute, beating F. H. Hulford of England. One of the supplemental runs came to the front for America, with Harold W. Holden of Cornell College trudging home first in front of E. V. Bjorn of Sweden. Holden finished in 1 minute 55 1-10 seconds and appeared to have considerable reserve power.

Melvin W. Shepard, the Olympic champion, who started in the seventh heat, was one of the Americans who calculated his finish so well that he failed to run in second place without exerting himself at any stage of the journey. The man who led Shepard to the finishing line was J. S. Carter of England, and it will be mentioned with a comfortable outing the peerless Irish American had when the time was announced as 2 minutes 2-5 seconds, despite this distance made in London in 1908, so that he had about eight seconds on his sleeve when he elected to run in second.

James C. Morris of the Mercesberg schoolboy followed Sheppard's example by qualifying safely in the eighth heat, where he ran second. G. H. Brock of Canada, the third, was 1 minute 55 1-10 seconds, and Meredith could easily have beaten that if he had been extended. So far America had placed three men every heat, with the ninth heat last, and some of the followers of the team hoped that Thomas J. Halpin of Boston would make the state's clean one in tandem at least once more, as he had done in Germany's crack runner, Hans Braun, who has been loudly touted throughout all the Old World to carry off the honors in the event of a draw. E. J. Hartigan of England set too fast a pace for the Bostonian and after making a gallant effort in the stretch, Halpin dug away and managed to make his dash heat for the place with the Swedish competitor. Henley won the heat in 1 minute 57 3-5 seconds, with Braun in second place.

There was more glory for America when the swimming races began in the evening with the trials of the 100 meter event. Duke Kahanamoku of Hawaii, the star swimmer of the world, swam through to the final heat, distancing his competitors and finishing in the world's record time of 1 minute 2-2-5 seconds. The Duke won so easily that he was immediately declared the favorite for the final, although the Australians and Austrians have strong swimmers representing them, according to the rest of the nation. The Olympic games will thus open with a glorious opening than that which attracted a crowd of more than 60,000 persons to the finely appointed stadium erected by the Swiss to mark their centenary, and to the congress of world experts in athletics. King Gustav officially declared the contests open, while Crown Prince Gustav, the prince of Sweden, went to the visiting athletes, which was loudly cheered by the thousands who took part in the opening parade. In this they were outnumbered by some of the other nations, made a fine showing.

Led by Paul H. Philpot, as standard bearer, carrying the American flag, about 1,000 members of amateur and semi-professionally men distinguished for their brains and muscle, kept excellent line as they marched around the field. In the front rank immediately following the prince was Dr. Stanislaus United States Commissioner, and Col. Robert M. Thompson, president of the American Olympic committee, whose efforts the strong representation of the United States is largely due. Other members of the American Olympic committee were next in line. The Western world, Ralph Howard, it was that started the idea of organizing an amateur American athlete. These men were other men of mighty physique, P. J. McDonald of the Irish-American A. C., big enough to be a football end; Mattie Mathew McGrath and Simon P. Gillis, like McDonald, New York policemen; C. C. Childs and Benjamin F. Sherman of the New York C. C.; all weight throwers and all manner of athletic competitors that made the Swedes open their eyes in wonder at the size and strength of the American mainland.

Next were the artistic and well trained runners, each of whom received recognition from the crowd in accordance with the merits of his performance as he hurried throughout the city ever since the arrival of the King and Queen. One feature of the parade was the grand showing made by the Scandinavians leaders in the procession and all strong, both men and women, with women athletes and clothed in the costumes in which they perform their acrobatic and tumbling feats. The American delegation was in costume, too, showing their uniforms of blue jackets and light trousers, each man donning his straw hat with the band on the band as he passed before the King. The girls on the team were in khaki and the other shooters in civilian clothes. Hands were playing while the men were marching, and the favorite tunes with the crowd.

The results of to-day's contests:

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Tenth Heat—Won by Donald F. Lippincott, University of Pennsylvania. Time, 10 8-5 seconds.

Eleventh Heat—Won by V. Belote, Chicago A. C. Time, 10 4-5 seconds.

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Seventeenth Heat—Won by Ralph C. Craig, Detroit. Time, 10 4-5 seconds.

SPRINT-FINALS.

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